

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL
MEETING**

July 28, 2026

7:00 PM

City Hall



CITY OF MILLS
EST. 1921

Mayor:

Leah Juarez

Council President:

Brad Neumiller

Council Members:

Cherie Butcher

Sara McCarthy

Tim Sutherland

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDERCALL TO ORDER

Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

ROLL CALL

Present:

Mayor Juarez

President Neumiller

Council Butcher

Council Sutherland

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

1. Council Meeting Minutes - 7/14/2026

City Licenses

2. New / Renewal Business / Contractor Licenses and Home Occupation Permits

Financial Approvals

3. Financial Breakdown - Check Register & Future ACH/EFT Transactions
4. PAID ACH / EFT Transactions
5. Regular / Police Payroll
6. Fire Payroll
7. Transmittal Transactions
8. Reserve Transfers
9. Treasurer's Report

Motion made by Council President Neumiller to approve Consent Agenda, Seconded by Council Member Sutherland. Voting Yea: Mayor Juarez, Council Member Butcher, Council President Neumiller, Council Member Sutherland. Motion passes.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Jesse Hodges and Rachel Prior of the CWCC Mobile Crisis Team introduced their program, which provides mental health crisis response support to law enforcement, fire, and EMS agencies. They explained that the team assists with de-escalation, safety planning, and connecting individuals to community resources. Council members expressed appreciation for the service and encouraged further coordination with local public safety agencies.

Jim Hollander, Mills resident, addressed the Council regarding potential public access to a river area for recreation and raised concerns about a property lines involving Blue Peak's utility installation. He questioned whether an overhead easement exists on his property and expressed frustration with the company's poor workmanship. Council President Neumiller explained that the matter is a private property issue and recommended obtaining a title commitment and reviewing recorded easements and subdivision plats. The City Attorney offered to assist him in locating the appropriate title resources.

Jeremy Brown, Evansville resident, addressed the Council regarding two concerns. First, he stated that he had been blocked from the Mayor's social media page, preventing him from commenting on matters related to the City of Mills. Mr. Brown expressed his belief that the page serves as a public forum and requested that he be unblocked. He advised that he had filed a formal complaint with the City regarding the matter. The City Attorney stated that the complaint had recently been received and that the City would respond through the established complaint process. A brief discussion between City Attorney and Mr. Brown followed regarding legal cases cited by Mr. Brown.

Mr. Brown also expressed concerns regarding employee turnover within the City and referenced a reported settlement involving a former employee. He suggested that the Council review policies and procedures related to employee protections and governance. Mayor Juarez asked Brown if he was under the impression that she has fired city employees. Mr. Brown stated yes. The Mayor informed Mr. Brown that she had not personally terminated any employees during her tenure. The City Attorney explained differences between Wyoming statutes governing towns and cities, as well as provisions within the City of Mills ordinances relating to department heads and employee hearings.

Mr. Brown concluded his comments by encouraging elected officials to maintain engagement with speakers during public comment and thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak.

Scott Clamp, Mills resident, addressed the Council regarding concerns with Blue Peak contractors, stating that crews crossed his property without permission and that he did not receive notice of the work. He also reported several dangling junction boxes in town that he believes should be secured or removed.

Mr. Clamp expressed concerns about the condition of utility poles and questioned the adequacy of prior inspections. He also discussed a long-standing issue involving a fire hydrant in his driveway and sewer line near his property, requesting that these concerns be addressed as part of upcoming infrastructure improvements on Pendell Street.

Mayor Juarez provided an update on a planned \$1.2 million infrastructure project in the Pendell, Northwestern, Johnson, Morgan, and Wyoming Boulevard areas, noting that the project is nearing the bid phase and that work may extend to Wasatch Street, though no guarantees could be made.

Mr. Clamp concluded by emphasizing the importance of maintaining and improving aging infrastructure to avoid greater costs in the future.

Jim Hollander, Mills resident, spoke again regarding Blue Peak fiber installations. Mr. Hollander stated that he has prior training and experience in fiber optic installation, including certification through AT&T and work on a fiber optic system at the Rochelle coal mine. He expressed concerns about the quality of some Blue Peak installations, including the placement of junction and connection boxes, sagging lines, and the appearance of equipment mounted on utility poles. He also raised concerns regarding the use of PVC conduit in outdoor installations and recommended that an independent inspector review the work to ensure it meets appropriate standards. Mr. Hollander thanked the Council for their time.

Mayor Juarez stated that Public Works will inspect the utility lines and contact the company regarding concerns about the appearance of the work. The City Attorney will review Mr. Hollander's concerns about potential trespassing. The Mayor emphasized the importance of property rights and stated that the company will be held accountable for any issues identified.

COUNCIL APPROVALS

10. Catering Permit - Bayou Liquors

Motion made by Council President Neumiller to approve Catering Permit - Bayou Liquors, Seconded by Council Member Sutherland. Voting Yea: Mayor Juarez, Council Member Butcher, Council President Neumiller, Council Member Sutherland. Motion passes.

11. Catering Permit - Bayou Liquors (Movie in the Park)

Motion made by Council President Neumiller to approve Catering Permit - Bayou Liquors (Movie in the Park), Seconded by Council Member Sutherland. Council President Neumiller then asked Brady from the Bayou about an end time. It was decided for 11pm. Voting Yea: Mayor Juarez, Council Member Butcher, Council President Neumiller, Council Member Sutherland. Motion passes.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Council President Neumiller to adjourn, Seconded by Council Member Sutherland. Voting Yea: Mayor Juarez, Council Member Butcher, Council President Neumiller, Council Member Sutherland. Motion passes.

AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

NEXT MEETING - August 11, 2026 at 7:00pm / August 25, 2026 at 7:00pm

NEXT WORK SESSION - August 11, 2026 at 6:00pm / August 25, 2026 at 6:00pm

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Mayor, Leah Juarez



City Clerk, Megan Smith

